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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 750

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Sharon Pickering on being selected as the Johnson City School System's 2000-2001 preschool-fourth grade Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those persons who through their professional efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Sharon Pickering, who teaches second grade at Woodland Elementary School in Johnson City and has ten years teaching experience; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pickering received a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in early childhood education from East Tennessee State University. She taught for four years at First Methodist Church's Early Learning Center as a preschool teacher prior to moving to Alexandria, Virginia, where she taught special education preschool at John Adams Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Pickering returned to Johnson City in 1994 to teach preschool at Woodland until 1998, when she began teaching second-graders in a year-round calendar program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pickering became one of three Johnson City teachers who earned National Board Certification, a notable validation of her considerable professional skills as a teacher; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her classroom work with Woodland Elementary School, Sharon Pickering serves as coordinator for Woodland's intersession, a series of activities for students during their breaks in the year-round calendar. She is also a member of Woodland's site-based decision-making team, the school system's vertical mathematics team and the writing curriculum team; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pickering's outstanding achievement was accomplished through the constant support of her loving family - husband, James E. Pickering and sons, Eric and Nathaniel; she also received inspiration from her friends, fellow faculty and staff members, and especially from the children with whom she has had the honor to grow and learn; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Pickering epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Pickering for her dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens, particularly our children; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Sharon Pickering on being named the Johnson City School System's 2000-2001 preschool-fourth grade Teacher of the Year and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.